THIS NEEDS A DEFINED RUBRIC

Activity for “A Retrieved Reformation”

Students are to write an ending for O. Henry’s “A Retrieved Reformation”

1. Students are to write the ending in dialogue form.

2. What will Jimmy say to Annabel? What will Annabel say to Jimmy? Will Ben Price have anything further to say? What will Mr. Adams say?

3. Make reference to and use of events that have already happened in the story.

4. Choose up to two partners and work together to reenact the scene you have chosen.

5. Will be graded on quality of thought, reference to happenings in the story, length and effort of individual student projects, and quality of performance.

Independent Project

1. Assume the character of Jimmy Valentine and write a letter to your friend in St. Louis, Billy. Tell him about the events which transpired after Ben Price let you go.

2. What will Jimmy say to Annabel? What will Annabel say to Jimmy? Will Ben Price have anything further to say? What will Mr. Adams say?

3. Make reference to and use of events that have already happened in the story.

4. Letter must exhibit correct form for a friendly letter.

5. Will be graded on grammatical correctness, punctuation, references to text, and length. Because this is an individual project a rough draft and final copy will be required.